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### In Alsace.

American soldiers are standing, it seems, on what was officially classed as "German soil" from 1871 up to the day in 1914 when the French extended their lines over the crest of the Vosges mountains and down into the Rhine valley between Mulhausen and Colmar. All this territory had been French for centuries. It is French in sentiment to-day. When the French troops pressed forward into this narrow strip of Alsace, they were received with tears of joy, as their deliverers, by the people. The young men of the region flocked to the French standard. For a time there was talk of a great French offensive by way of the Rhine valley, toward Strasbourg and Karlsruhe. Very likely such an offensive might have been maintained if the German rush across Belgium and the defeat at Mons had not centered the main effort of the French armies against the invaders farther north. But the valley of the Rhine is well defended, and Alsace, after the first onset, classed and still classed as a "quiet sector."

No doubt that is the reason why American troops who have not yet completed their training are now assigned to it. But of one thing we may be sure—the Americans are among friends in "German" Alsace, and their presence there, after the American work at Cantigny and in Belleau wood, will interest the Germans very much. A few demonstrations of our boys' impetuosity in the upper valley of the Rhine, whether or not a real offensive were intended there, would result in the dispatch of additional troops to the region and in some measure would relieve the pressure on the main line in the north.

However, the very publicity which attends the stationing of American troops on the Alsatian front, and their definite location in the far south by means of the introduction of the picture of the Lion of Belfort into the news story, indicates that no serious offensive is intended. If the demonstration were strategically important, it would hardly be advertised by the American and French commands in this manner. The completion of the training of the American troops is probably the object. Our line is a fairly far-flung one now, from the neighborhood of Amiens to that of the Swiss frontier. Everywhere our troops are mingled with their French comrades; and their appearance now among the stalwart Alsatians is another evidence of the completeness of the bond of sympathy between two nations.—Boston Transcript.

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### TALK OF THE TOWN

Only one more week to pay your taxes. Special values in white skirts at Abbott's.

John Bartlett has gone to Springfield, Mass., where he has secured employment in the U. S. army.

Miss Hannah Farrar of Park street has gone to Quincy, Mass., for an extended visit with relatives.

Edward Anderson of Washington street leaves to-night for Hartford, Conn., where he has secured employment in a munition plant.

Mrs. Ada M. Buchanan returned yesterday to her home in Beverly, Mass., after visiting friends and relatives in the city during the past few days.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Franklin Dunham of Northport, Me., and Mr. and Mrs. Woodworth of the Hotel Wentworth, Woodville, N. H., were visitors at Hotel Barre yesterday.

Mrs. Robert Johnson and daughter, Helen, of Washington street left the city to-day for Wollaston, Mass., to visit Mr. Johnson, who is employed at the Fore River shipyards in Quincy.

Barre friends of Atty. Joseph Frattini, who passed his boyhood in this city, will be interested to learn that he is leaving Montpelier in the near future to enroll in an officers' training camp in Virginia. Atty. Frattini, since the war began, has frequently delivered patriotic addresses in Barre.

Mrs. William Johnston of 77 Blackwell street has received word of the safe arrival overseas of her son, Private William J. Johnston of the 304th infantry, 78th division. Before he entered the national army last spring, Private Johnston was employed as a draughtsman in a local granite plant.

Miss Delena Marlo of Granite street left the city last night for Milford, N. H., where she is to visit relatives for a few days. Later she will go to Staten Island, N. Y., to visit her brother, Seaman Peter Marlo, who is now stationed at Princess Bay, after having trained at the Pelham Bay station.

Returns from wholesale grocers and condensers reporting holdings of condensed milk on July 1, 1918, indicated that the stocks of condensed milk, which amount to 30,886,297 pounds, were 12.1 per cent larger than those last year, and that the stocks of evaporated milk, amounting to 82,511,098 pounds, were 36 per cent larger than on the corresponding date a year ago.

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## Boys' Suits!

Only a short time to the fall term of school, and the boys will need new suits. You can save money by purchasing now.

The Frank McWhorter Co.

## BARRE DAILY TIMES

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 1918.

### The Weather.

Continued fair weather Sunday; not much change in temperature.

### TALK OF THE TOWN

Only one more week to pay your taxes. See Abbott's assortment of silk dresses.

Good values in paint brushes at A. V. Beckley's.

Special attention given to corset fittings. Mrs. Shepard Co., Inc.

Notice auction adv., Mrs. James Duncan, 12 Eastern avenue, Saturday, 2 p.m.

Martin's Book Store will be open from 6 to 7 Sunday evenings for sale of New York papers.—adv.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Northrup and children of South Royalton are visiting at Frank R. and C. H. Northrup's.

Lieut. E. S. Britain and Mrs. Britain of Spartanburg, S. C., have been passing a few days with friends in the city.

J. M. Baker, who has been visiting in the city during the past few days, returned last evening to his home in Melrose, Mass.

Opening day of Community Chautauqua Saturday at 2:30, concert by Liberty Maids; 8 o'clock, war lecture by Hon. Harry W. Seltzer.—adv.

Rev. F. A. Wells of New Haven, Conn., has arrived in the city to pass the remainder of the month with his father, Edward G. Wells of East street.

The case of State vs. Fritz W. Jackson, charged with a violation of the automobile statutes, will be heard in municipal court Monday. A jury is being empaneled to-day. The respondent has retained John W. Gordon and State's Atty. Earle R. Davis will prosecute.

Riley Burgess of the Cook & Watkins Manufacturing Co., is moving his household goods from the house on the Montpelier road which he recently sold to Mr. Dwinell of Calais, into the apartment in the Taft house at 76 Washington street recently vacated by H. H. Patch.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Cowie arrived in the city last evening from Bangor, Me., where the former is employed as a clerk at one of the large hotels, the trip to this city being made by automobile.

Mr. Cowie is a former resident of this city.

Charles Booth of Webster avenue, who has been employed at the Royal pool and billiard parlors in the Jackson block during the past few months, expects to complete his duties there this evening. Mr. Booth has not made any definite plans for the future.

Neil Miner, who has been visiting with friends in the city during the past few days, returned this forenoon to Albany, N. Y., where he is employed at the headquarters of the Standard Oil company. Mr. Miner is a 1917 graduate from Goddard seminary.

Miss Margaret Maberini of Foss street, who has been spending the past two weeks visiting in New Haven, Conn., and in New York City, returned to the city last evening. Miss Maberini expects to resume her duties as a clerk at the Homer Fitts store Monday.

Dewey park is the gathering place to-day of the members of the Odd Fellows, Manchester Unity, and their families, together with the members of the ladies' auxiliary, who will hold a joint picnic at the Dewey park picnic grounds this afternoon. In spite of several setbacks, the indications pointed to one of the most successful events in the history of the order, a fine program of field events as well as other events having been arranged by the committee in charge.

Henry Magoon of Barre Town was arrested yesterday by Deputy Sheriff W. E. Bixby of East Barre and brought before Magistrate H. W. Scott on a complaint made to Grand Juror A. C. Dekey charging him with non-support. The respondent contended that he had been separated from his wife less than two weeks and was rather unready to acknowledge the offense. Magistrate Scott ordered him to pay his wife \$5 weekly and continued the case for three weeks, after putting him under bail of \$100.

Augusto Sanguinetti, the well known Burham's meadow granite manufacturer, who specializes in fine carving, has under the hammer two of the most notable public memorials ever cut in Barre granite. A superb soldiers' monument, to be erected in Batavia, N. Y., is nearing completion, and within a few days the manufacturer will have finished a memorial fountain, which will be placed in a public square in Hartford, Conn. Each is an imposing memorial and has attracted a good deal of attention among granite men, as well as visitors from out of town.

Miss Lila Higgs of Prospect avenue and William Oliver, jr., of Park street, the former of whom is taking a vacation from her duties at the L. S. Gates granite office in the Howland building, returned to the city this forenoon from Highgate Springs, where they have been camping at Platt's cottage during the past week. They were accompanied to this city by Rev. and Mrs. Albert Abbott and children of Moretown, formerly of this city, who expect to make a visit of a week at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Oliver, jr., of Elm street.

Guests arriving at Hotel Barre last night and this morning were the following: Mr. and Mrs. D. B. McMillan of Montreal, P. Q., Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Dunham of Northport, Me., C. E. Ames of Bellevue Falls, Miss Alice Barlow of White River Junction, M. W. Abbott of Alstead, N. H., Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Blackmore, Miss Sybil Blackmore and Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Gilmore of Lowell, Mass., Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Burrows, Mrs. S. E. Stevens, E. S. Story of Morrisville, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Gardner of Woodstock, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Prescott of New York, Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Rogers of Middletown Springs, F. H. Lyford of Waterbury, W. R. Vincent and party of Providence, R. I., Franklin Vane of Boston, Mr. and Mrs. Wormwood of Woodville, N. H., C. W. Alvord of Waterbury, W. B. C. Stickney of Rutland, John G. Sargent of Ludlow.

Thrift stamp sales by the city and rural mail carriers working out of the Barre postoffice are mounting higher and higher, although the men in gray remain a long way from the goal they have set for themselves. Five months of intensive campaigning are ahead of them, and while the results thus far have been quite satisfactory they expect to better the present acceleration of sales before New Year's. The aggregate for the end of the current week is \$37,827.06, a gain of nearly \$4,000 over last week's total. A commanding leading is maintained by W. D. MacDonald, with Thomas Garrity, who has been vacationing these 15 days, doing the runner-up honors. Charles Ayer is far ahead of his brother carriers in the rural service. The standing: City carriers, W. D. MacDonald, \$12,046.73; Thomas Garrity, \$6,008.96; William Craig, \$4,204.13; C. L. Converse, \$2,924.13; D. S. Waterman, \$2,592.41; E. M. Lewis, \$1,585.12; H. H. Houghton, \$1,111.29; C. W. Gates, \$1,216.93; rural carriers, Charles Ayer, \$3,350.15; C. G. Carr, \$1,015.74; James Johnston, \$597.59; A. W. Robinson, \$475.88.

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## UNION DRY GOODS COMPANY

Beginning To-day, August 3rd, and Continuing Until Saturday Night, August 10th

## A Mid-Summer Clearance Sale

A Thorough Semi-Annual Clearance of Suits, Coats, Dresses, Waists, Washable Skirts and Other Seasonable Apparel

### "Seven Days of Extraordinary Value Giving"

#### A Final Clearance in Our Ready-to-Wear Department

#### Coat Special \$3.98

An odd lot of Wool Coats in misses' sizes mostly, that formerly sold up to \$12.50. To close them out quickly we have marked them at this very low price.

#### SALE OF

#### Silk Dresses \$9.75

Pretty models in Ladies' and Misses' Silk Dresses, very desirable colors and regularly worth up to \$15.00.

#### SALE OF

#### Girls' Coats \$4.75

Pretty Coats for the young folks, in Navy Blue, Copen, Checks, etc., sizes 4 to 12 years, values to \$8.75.

#### Suit Special \$10.75

These fine Tailored Suits are an extraordinary bargain; Fine Wool Poplins, Serges, etc., and the fashionable spring shades. Regular values up to \$25.00.

#### SALE OF

#### Silk Dresses \$14.75

All new and very attractive styles, in Taffeta, Crepe de Chine and Satin. Regular values to \$19.50.

#### Pretty Summer Dresses at Quick Clearance Prices

#### Dresses at \$2.98

An unusual bargain, nicely made of good quality Gingham, misses' and ladies' sizes. They will go quickly.

#### Dresses at \$3.98

Very attractive styles in Fine Voile and Plaid Gingham Dresses, a good assortment to select from, \$6.00 values.

#### Dresses at \$4.75

These attractive models are wonderful value. Fine Plaid Gingham and pretty Sheer Voiles. Values \$7.00 to \$8.00.

#### Dresses at \$5.75

The balance of our best Wash Dresses to be closed out at this price. Regular values to \$9.75.

#### White Washable Skirts Arranged in Two Lots to Be Sold Out Quickly

LOT 1—Gabardine and Pique Skirts, button \$2.39 trimmed, good styles, Sale Price, each

LOT 2—Fine Gabardine Skirts, very pretty \$2.98 styles, Sale Price, each

#### Sale of Waists 1.29

Handsome Sheer Voile Waists, with large collars, lace trimmed, regular \$2.00 values.

#### Girls' Wash Dresses

at Sale Prices Arranged in Three Lots at 59c, 89c and \$1.29

#### Sale of Waists 3.95

Fine Georgette and Crepe de Chine Waists, Flesh and White. These are regularly worth \$5.00 to \$6.50.

#### Sale of Silks 1.39

Beautiful Striped and Plaid Silks, odd pieces and broken assortments, \$2.00 and \$2.25 values.

#### Neckwear 29c

A special bargain in Ladies' Neckwear, Collars and Sets, regularly sold at 50c.

#### Damask Special 75c

Don't overlook this special item; 66 inches wide and good patterns.

## THE UNION DRY GOODS COMPANY

### COMMERCIAL STOCKS OF GRAIN FLOUR

Also of Meal and Other Flour Products in United States July 1, 1918, Are Reported.

The commercial stocks of wheat reported to the department of agriculture in a food survey dated July 1, 1918, amounted to 9,237,059 bushels, according to a statement just issued by the department. This refers to stocks actually reported and does not represent an estimate of the total commercial stocks of the country; neither do the figures include stocks on farm on July 1. The commercial stocks reported were held by 7,989 firms out of a total of 12,019 submitting reports, the firms consisting of elevators, warehouses, grain mills and wholesale grain dealers, and were equal to 28.8 per cent of the stocks held by the same firms on July 1, 1917.

#### Survey and Visible Supply Figures Compared.

The commercial visible supply figures, as published by the Chicago board of trade for the nearest date, namely, June 30, 1918, showed only 785,000 bushels of wheat as against 14,209,000 a year ago, and the Bradstreet figures for June 30 showed 2,465,000 bushels as against 19,901,000 bushels for the same date in 1917. Inasmuch as the holdings reported by the Chicago board of trade represent stocks in the primary and export markets the survey figures show that the commercial holdings were confined for the most part to the smaller interior points.

#### Stocks on Farms.

The comparative figures thus shown for the commercial stocks of wheat this year and last should be considered in connection with the stocks still remaining on farms. The estimated amount of wheat on farms on July 1, as presented in the monthly crop reports of the department, was 8,283,000 bushels as against 15,611,000 bushels on July 1 a year ago.

#### Other Cereals, Flour and Meal.

The commercial stocks of other cereals on July 1, according to the department statement, were as follows: Corn, 27,371,441 bushels; oats, 40,598,503 bushels; barley, 65,165,338 bushels; and rye, 1,058,189 bushels. These stocks represent the following percentages of the corresponding stocks of July 1, 1917: Corn, 156.1 per cent; oats, 101.9 per cent; barley, 136 per cent; and rye, 127.9 per cent.

The commercial stocks of flour and meal, as reported for the survey, were: Wheat flour, white, 2,392,943 barrels; whole wheat and graham flour 190,466 barrels; barley flour, 426,441 barrels; rye flour, 451,208 barrels; corn flour, 43,559,833 pounds; corn meal, 95,887,788 pounds; buckwheat flour, 2,161,585 pounds; and mixed flour, 8,393,594 pounds. These stocks represent the following percentages of the stocks on hand a year ago:

Wheat flour, white, 48.9 per cent; whole wheat and graham flour, 259.1 per cent; rye flour, 344.8 per cent; corn meal, 216.5 per cent; buckwheat flour, 72.6 per cent, and mixed flour, 200.8 per cent. The stocks of barley flour and corn flour on July 1, 1917, were so small as to make any comparison between them and the present stocks on a percentage basis unprofitable.

#### Wholesale Stocks of Selected Commodities.

The following commodities were reported by wholesale grocers: Beans, 3,768,022 bushels; rice, 32,349,705 pounds; rolled oats, 40,177,743 pounds; canned salmon, 59,623,859 pounds; canned tomatoes, 56,657,762 pounds; canned corn, 40,706,139 pounds; and sugar, 175,925,924 pounds. The stocks of beans rolled oats, and canned salmon showed a substantial increase, the present holdings representing the following percentages of those on hand a year ago: Beans, 174.1 per cent; rolled oats, 133.6 per cent; and canned salmon, 117.5 per cent. Stocks of rice, sugar and canned corn, on the other hand, showed a substantial decrease, being 59.9 per cent, 7.76 per cent, and 87.9 per cent, respectively, of the amounts reported for July 1, 1917. The stocks of canned tomatoes were 102.8 per cent of those reported a year ago.

#### PROFITABLE FISHING.

Figures Brought to Light by the German Submarine.

Some idea of the business of the poor fishermen off the United States can be formed by the report of the direct and incidental losses when the German undersea boat sank the schooner Robert and Richard off the coast of Maine. That was the best money-maker of the Gloucester fishing fleet, valued at \$28,000 and insured for \$12,000. The crew that stowed in 30,000 pounds of halibut and 70,000 pounds of many varieties of fish and started the schooner for Boston, when the Hun dog barked off Cash's bank. The Robert and Richard had earned between \$60,000 and \$70,000 since the 1st of January with a crew of 23 men. The vessel and cargo of fish were valued at \$35,000, the results of two weeks' off fishing. That means a schooner earning about \$16,000 a month with an original investment of not more than \$25,000. It foots up to a total of \$180,000 a year. Presuming that the crew gets \$60,000 of that, or nearly \$3,000 a year each, there is a balance of \$120,000 on an investment of a trifle more than one-fifth of the earnings. The life of the poor fisherman of the United States is something handsome when reduced to cash earnings. That does not excuse the sinking by the German submarine, but it may be one of the reasons why we have to pay so high for fish of fish to eat in this part of the country.—Worcester Telegram.

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